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(57) Abstract: The invention provides human detoxification proteins (DETX) and polynucleotides which identify and encode DETX. The invention also provides expression vectors, host cells, antibodies, agonists, and antagonists. The invention also provides methods for diagnosing, treating, or preventing disorders associated with expression of DETX.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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1. Claims: {1-28 all partially}

An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 1 (DETX-1), an isolated polynucleotide encoding said polypeptide (SEQ ID NO: 3). A cell, a transgenic organism, an antibody, a pharmaceutical composition, methods for producing a polypeptide, for detecting a target polynucleotide, for treating a disease and for screening compounds.

2. Claims: {1-28 all partially}

same as invention 1 but comprising SEQ ID NO: 2 and 4 (DETX-2).

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Claims Nos.: 20, 21, 23, 24

Claims 20, 21, 23 and 24 refer to an agonist or antagonist of the polypeptide without giving a true technical characterization. Moreover, no such compounds are defined in the application. In consequence, the scope of said claims is ambiguous and vague, and their subject-matter is not sufficiently disclosed and supported (Art. 5 and 6 PCT). No search can be carried out for such purely speculative claims whose wording is, in fact, a mere recitation of the results to be achieved.

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